









## IN FRANCE AND SPAIN.

THE RAVAGES OF THE PLAGUE CONTINUE UNABATED.

Spain's Anger at Germany's Annexation of the Caroline Islands—Comparing the Congo District With Chuzzlewit's Eden—Foreign Affairs.

MADRID, Aug. 22.—Spanish irritation over Germany's annexation of possession of the Caroline Islands is increasing. The newspapers here express indignation at the annexation. They say the act ignores the ancient rights of Spain; declare that the Spanish consul, long before the annexation was made, notified Germany that the Spanish governor of the Philippine Islands had since last March been making preparations for an effective Spanish occupation of the Caroline Islands, and insist that in view of all these circumstances Germany's violation of international law was inexcusable. It is rumored that on the meeting of the Cortes Senor Elduayen, minister of foreign affairs, will resign, and that in consequence of the Caroline Islands affair he will refuse the Grand Cross offered him by Germany. It is also thought likely that the Spanish minister at Berlin will be recalled. The Spanish newspapers have faint hopes that Germany will abandon her claim to the islands.

The Caroline Islands, or the New Philippines, embrace hundreds of small islands, which have been ranged in forty-eight separate groups. They are situated between the Ladrones and Marian Islands and New Guinea, extending from 3 to 11 degrees northern latitude, and from 148 degrees to 151 degrees eastern longitude. The first island of the group was discovered in 1535, by the Portuguese Diego da Rocha. The Spanish Alvaro de Sequeira then discovered the Elvi or Mackenzie group, and in 1706 the Spanish admiral Francisco Lazezaro discovered the Faranley group, which he named the Caroline Islands in honor of Charles V. This name was later given to the entire archipelago. Nominally they belong to Spain and form part of the government of the Philippines, but they have no Spanish settlements. They have generally been considered practically independent.

Cholera in France. MARSEILLES, Aug. 22.—According to official announcements 130 cases of cholera have been admitted into the Pharo hospital during the past week and fifty-five deaths have occurred, which is considered an alarming proportion. The Municipal Sanitary commission, which has been organized, has decided to prohibit the burning of fires in the public squares and not to distinguish further the sewers and streets. The people have commenced to issue orders against individuals fumigating their houses by means of charcoal burners. The people are thoroughly alarmed and asperated at such vexatious and unnecessary proceedings. The mayor continues to withhold information about the true state of affairs and nothing is done in the way of general hygienic precaution. Cases of malignant cholera continue to be reported. A woman aged 35 was bitten by her baby, which was dying of cholera, and she succumbed during the night. There were forty-five cases of cholera reported last twenty-three deaths. The epidemic is increasing in several of the neighboring towns. At Salon ten fatal cases are said to have occurred.

At Toulon the situation is alarming. There were six deaths from cholera there. There are many people down with the disease both in the town and in the garrison. The cholera is creating a veritable panic there. The municipal body has endeavored to throw dust in the eyes of the people, but it seems to have decided to tell the truth at last.

The Bayard, bearing home the body of Admiral Courbet, is expected there soon. The vessel has neither damaged machinery nor any typens on board, as was asserted in the official dispatches.

The Congo Again. LONDON, Aug. 22.—The Morning Post returns again to the Congo swindle in an elaborate editorial, in the course of which it says: "From the French revelations on the subject Martin Chuzzlewit's purchase of a settlement in Eden was not more delusory in character or more deadly in result than the acquisition of a station in this African territory under the auspices of the international association."

The Post next reviews Dr. Allard's recent statement made in Brussels favoring the Congo settlement and then adds: "Without accusing Dr. Allard of intentionally over-coloring his favorable view, it is quite possible that in the interests of the association he unconsciously says things on rose."

The Post, in the interests of intending emigrants to the Congo, concludes: "All who seek their home there should do so with a full recognition of the trials as well as the chances of well-doing that lie before them." Colonel de Whiton has forbidden the sale of arms and ammunition to the natives of the Congo state.

Germany Taking Water.

MADRID, Aug. 22.—The German ambassador called on Senor Elduayen, the Spanish foreign minister, and delivered that official Germany's reply to the Spanish note protesting against the loss of the Caroline Islands. The reply is couched in friendly terms and offers to submit Spain's claim to the islands to a fair examination. It is reported that two Spanish war vessels have taken possession of Yap Island, the largest of the Caroline group. The feeling in this city against Germany is growing steadily and several anti-German demonstrations have already occurred. At a meeting of the Spanish geographical society speeches denouncing the Germans were wildly applauded and a very bitter spirit was displayed. So intense has the feeling become that the authorities momentarily expect an attack on the German embassy and have stationed a large force of police in the vicinity to guard the building.

German Journalists. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 22.—The first convention of the National Society of German-American Journalists and Literati will take place. An informal reception was given by the local club to the delegates, of whom about thirty are present, so far among them are: L. A. Wallenweber, of Reading, Pa., the pastor of the church, who was the first one to start a German newspaper in 1855.

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